

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action the Examiner has rejected claims 23-32 and 38-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Solomon (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,553). With further reference to paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action Applicant appreciatively acknowledges that the Examiner has considered claim 33 to be allowable once re-written in independent form.

Applicant has deleted claims 33, 38 and 39. The features recited in claim 33 have been added to claim 23 upon which claim 33 was dependent. Claims 24-32 are ultimately dependent on claim 23. Thus, in view of the amendment to claim 23, Applicant believes that all of claims 23-32 are now in allowable form.

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-15, 18-22 and 36-37. Again, in view of the aforementioned amendment to claim 23, Applicant now believes that claims 23-32 are also in allowable form.

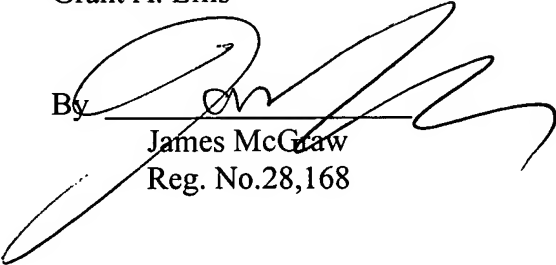
In view of the foregoing, early favourable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any objections remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned with a view to resolving such objections as expeditiously as possible.

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